

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01381-CKK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/11/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/11/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5527551) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons US Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of State)(Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/11/2018)

06/11/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/11/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zsth) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/25/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/25/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/25/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/25/2018 (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
07/09/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua L. Rogers on behalf of All Defendants (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/09/2018)
07/25/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/26/2018	<u>7</u>	ORDER. The Parties shall file a Joint Status Report by no later than AUGUST 16, 2018. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 7/26/2018. (lcckk3) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/16/2018. (dot) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
08/16/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Cotca, Ramona) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report. The parties represent that Defendant will complete its initial searches in this matter by August 31, 2018, and will make its first production of records by September 21, 2018. The parties will meet and confer about a final production date after Defendant's initial searches are complete. The parties are ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report by no later than OCTOBER 1, 2018, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 8/17/2018. (lcckk3) (Entered: 08/17/2018)
08/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/1/2018, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request. (dot) (Entered: 08/22/2018)
09/22/2018	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/22/2018)
09/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the Defendant's <u>9</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. The Court ordered parties to submit a Joint Status Report on or before October 1, 2018. Defense counsel will be away from the office for a period of time and requests that the Court extend the deadline until October 11, 2018. Defendant's Motion is GRANTED. The Court ORDERS parties to submit a Joint Status Report by OCTOBER 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 09-24-2018. (lcckk3) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
09/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/11/2018. (kt) (Entered: 09/24/2018)
10/10/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report. The parties represent Defendant has completed its initial search for records responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request. The parties propose that Defendant complete production of non-exempt, responsive records before July 1, 2019, with rolling monthly productions

		on the first day of every month. The parties have also agreed that a Vaughn index will be required and will be prepared in tandem with any dispositive motions, if necessary. The parties are ORDERED to file another Joint Status Report by no later than DECEMBER 10, 2018, updating the Court on the status of Defendant's processing of Plaintiff's FOIA request. The parties are further ORDERED to file additional Joint Status Reports every 60 days thereafter. The parties are also free to file Joint Status Reports between the filing deadlines if issues arise that require the Court's attention. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 10/10/2018. (lcckk3) (Entered: 10/10/2018)
10/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/10/2018. (dot) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
12/07/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 12/07/2018)
02/06/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
11/23/2019	<u>18</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by William J. Chang on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE Substituting for attorney JOSHUA ROGERS (Chang, William) (Entered: 11/23/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint MOTION for Leave to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Dec 2 Joint Status Report)(Chang, William) (Entered: 12/02/2019)